

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 39-44 are pending in the application with claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 16-20, 39, 41, and 43 amended herein. The amendments made herein now more positively express limitations which were previously inherent in such claim(s), and accordingly are not for the purpose of narrowing and do not effectively narrow the scope of any claim.

Claims 3-5, 9-11, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 39-44 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the rejected claims are amended herein to address the alleged indefiniteness and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection in the next Office Action.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the rejected claims are amended herein to address the alleged lack of description and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection in the next Office Action.

Claims 1-20 and 39-44 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims of eight different patents as stated on pages 4-6 of the Office Action. Only Patent No. 6,057,399 ('399) is believed to have a currently recorded assignee in common with the present application. Even so, the original assignee of the remaining patents, Tektronix, Inc., was previously acquired by the current assignee of the present application, Xerox Corporation. From the records of the

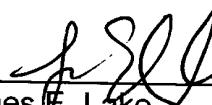
Office, it does not appear that a change in patent ownership has been recorded for the remaining seven patents. Applicants are presently attempting to collect for support and, if necessary, record documents evidencing chain of title passing to Xerox Corporation. To avoid duplicate payment of a terminal disclaimer fee for the '399 patent and the remaining seven patents, Applicants intend to get the needed documents in order prior to filing a collective terminal disclaimer with regard to all eight patents. Applicants expect shortly to file any such terminal disclaimer by supplement response.

Applicants request allowance of all pending claims 1-20 and 39-44 in the next Office Action, pending receipt of the indicated terminal disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted,

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